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Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
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OFFICE OF GENERAL
COUNSEL

Re: Mike Sweeney and the Mike Sweeney for U.S. Congress Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(c)(2)(ii) (2015), please accept this letter as a Complaint against Mike Sweeney ("Sweeney") and the Mike Sweeney for U.S. Congress Committee ("Committee") for operating in violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") regulations, and more specifically, for the advertising disclaimer requirements set forth in 52 U.S.C. 30120 and 11 CFR part 110.

Background

The Mike Sweeney for U.S. Congress Committee is the authorized principal campaign committee for Mike Sweeney, a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives seat representing Texas's 31st Congressional District. The Campaign has produced and distributed yard signs currently on display all over the district. See Attachment. The yard signs feature the text "Mike Sweeney for US Congress District 31 Conservative Republican," but unlawfully fails to include a disclaimer *in a printed text box*. The Campaign has also disseminated brochures that fail to include a disclaimer *in a printed text box*. See Attachment.

Relevant Law

Any public communication made by a political committee must display a disclaimer. 11 CFR § 110.11(a)(1). A public communication is defined, in part, as any "general public political advertising," which includes yard signs and brochures. 11 CFR § 100.26.

If the communication is paid for and authorized by a candidate, an authorized committee of a candidate, or an agent of either, the disclaimer must clearly state that the communication has been paid for by the authorized political committee. 11 CFR § 110.11(b)(1). All disclaimers on printed materials must be of sufficient type size to be clearly readable, set aside in a box, and printed with a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and the printed statement. 11 CFR § 110.11(c)(2) (emphasis added).

Analysis

The Mike Sweeney for U.S. Congress Committee failed to include on their yard signs a disclaimer in a printed text box. The Committee also failed to include a disclaimer in a printed

text box on its brochures. As a result of the absence of a written disclaimer in a printed text box on the yard signs and brochures, Sweeney and the Committee violated federal law and failed to satisfy the requirements of 11 CFR § 110.11(c)(2). Accordingly, the yard signs and brochures are in clear violation of both Federal law and FEC Regulations.


Conclusion

Upon information and belief and the facts described above, Mike Sweeney and the Mike Sweeney for U.S. Congress Committee have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and Federal Election Commission Regulations. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Commission conduct an immediate investigation into the violations outlined above and impose the maximum penalty under law.

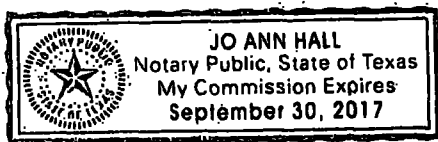
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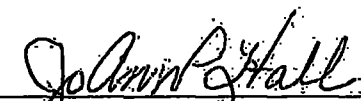
Respectfully submitted,

NAME


RONALD L. DOCKREY

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of February, 2016.



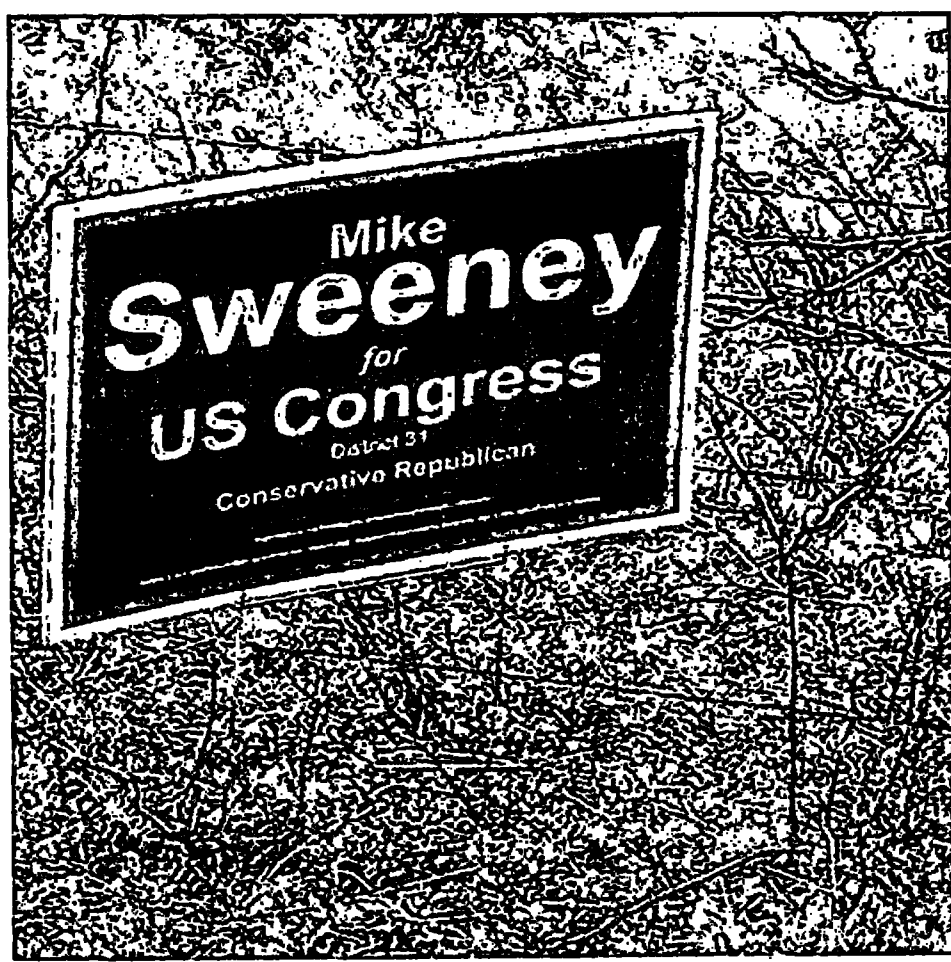

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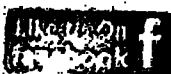
- Stop deficit spending - reduce national debt.
- Border Security: Enforce existing immigration laws. Walls work! I witnessed this first-hand when I worked in Israel.
- Cyber Security: Overhaul/upgrade outdated systems & procedures - lets keep ahead of the bad guys. Technology is my career background.
- The Second Amendment is only subservient to the First - both are sacrosanct.
- Obamacare: Repeal and replace with a patient centric free market solution for health care.

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About Mike:

- ★ Tested Integrity—Never Folded
- ★ International experience living & working in technology in Israel, Iran, and Africa.
- ★ President, Technology firm for 23 years.
- ★ Christian, married for 36 years

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"I need your strong support now to
out of control spending, like the
Jinnibus 'Yes' vote by my oppo-
... We cannot wait for John Carter to
retire; we must replace him now. Congress
has allowed the Obama administration to
ignore our laws by funding continuation of
the Obama agenda. Lets restore the rule
of law and stop the spending NOW.
I am not a professional politician. I am a
Conservative Republican and will be both
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